

# THE TABERNACLE

## Handout

### "THE BASICS"

**POINT 1:** The Bible was written over a period of 1600 years, by over 40 authors, on 3 continents in 3 languages; **YET** from *Genesis* to *Revelation*, it tells **one central theme**: The story of Israel as the Messianic nation that would bring forth the Redeemer for **all** nations of the Earth. This central theme is called the "**Scarlet Thread of Redemption**" interwoven throughout the entire Word of God.

**POINT 2:** The Bible is a Book of **Prophecy**. A Rabbinical teaching known as The Midrashic View states that prophecy is **BOTH PREDICTIVE** and **PATTERN**. Most students of the Bible realize that prophecy is typically "foretelling," or "inspired speech." However, much of the prophecy in the Bible is also a "pattern." For example, the **life of Joseph** is a "**PATTERN**" of the **life of Christ**, who would come thousands of years later. Like Joseph, Jesus was rejected by his brethren. Like Joseph, Jesus was wrongly accused. Like Joseph, Jesus demonstrated the highest moral character. Like Joseph, Jesus was exalted and made to rule. Like Joseph, Jesus became the Savior of His brethren, as well as the world. Like Joseph, Jesus was given a *Gentile Bride*.

As we study The Tabernacle, it is very important to see **THE PATTERN** set forth. In fact, God told Moses to be sure and construct The Tabernacle **according to THE PATTERN he was shown in the Mount**.

**POINT 3:** It is absolutely essential to understand that we **MUST NOT** rely on our own "definitions" or "cultural notions" or "ideas" when trying to interpret the Bible. The Divine Author made this Book of antiquity of eternal, contemporary relevance and understandable, regardless of the ancient cultures/times of its settings, by giving the Bible a unique "ability"--the ability to interpret itself. This "ability" is the "Fingerprint" of God upon the Holy Scriptures. Isaiah 28:9-10 explains this secret in understanding the Holy Scriptures:

*"Whom shall He teach knowledge? and whom shall He make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For **PRECEPT** must be **UPON PRECEPT**, precept upon precept; **LINE** upon **LINE**, line upon line; **HERE** a **LITTLE**, and **THERE** a **LITTLE**."*

**\*\*\*SCRIPTURE INTERPRETS SCRIPTURE!!!** It is crucial to apply this principle when you study the Bible and this principle cannot be utilized unless you read the **WHOLE BIBLE!** Remember, when a passage seems confusing, think about the topic or theme of it. Ask the Holy Spirit to "quicken" your mind, to "enlighten the eyes of your understanding" to other scriptures which bring interpretation to the passage you are studying.

**POINT 4:** The Bible can only be spiritually understood by those whose spirits have been made alive unto God through **REPENTANCE** and receiving Jesus Christ as their Savior. This is the true "New Birth" or "Born Again" experience of salvation. The Holy Spirit indwells the Christian and leads us into all truth when we study the Word of God. Without the Holy Spirit, no spiritual understanding can be gained, no matter the intellect of the reader.

**POINT 5:** "Iron sharpeneth iron." To understand the Word of God, it is essential to stay **FILLED** with the Holy Spirit and study the Word. Even though Jesus was God in the flesh and had the Spirit without measure, He routinely engaged in a behavior which enabled Him to stay **FILLED** with the Holy Spirit: **PRAYING**. Our daily walk in this fallen world can "drain" us of the power of the Holy Spirit, but we can replenish His power by seeking God in prayer, studying to show ourselves approved, and expecting Him to "shake our house!" (Elvis Presley just thought he was "all shook up." His was nothing compared to God's "shaking" of us in the power of the Holy Spirit! 😊)